

Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, and Shepard—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Erath, Finlay, Moore, Weatherford, and Wheeler—11.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 9½ A. M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, December 18, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Manufacturing Company. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. On motion of Mr. Harcourt the name of C.W. Tait was stricken out. The bill was then read 3rd time and passed, Mr. Dickson voting nay.

Mr. Erath, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following as amendments to a bill to amend the 1st section of an Act requiring the return of unconditional certificates to the General Land Office: strike out "January, A. D. 1863" and insert "October, A. D. 1862."

Add to 1st section: "provided that this Act shall not be so construed as to interfere with or affect vested rights or revive and render valid any certificate location or survey which has been forfeited or annulled by a failure to comply with the requirements of the Act to which this is an amendment."

Mr. Guinn made the following reports from the Joint Committee on the Court of Claims: "After careful examination the committee have rejected the following applications for land—William Berryman for 1 league and labor, the heirs of Timothy Hart for headright and additional bounty, and Maria S. Smith for a headright—and have instructed that the following facts in the application of the heirs of Francis Asbury Jarrett be reported, to wit: Rev. F. A. Jarrett left the State of Tennessee in the Fall of 1835, for the purpose of selecting and securing himself a home in the then province of Texas, that in his travels towards the West he arrived at the camp of Colonel Fannin, on the Colletto, the day before the battle between Colonel Fannin and the Mexican forces, that from the testimony of one witness, who alleges that he participated in said battle and escaped the massacre, it appears that

said Jarrett also received a wound from which he shortly afterward died. Neither the witness nor the deceased appear to have been members of the Army prior to the battle, hence neither of their names appear on Fannin's roll. As they were not members of the Army, the deceased would not be entitled to bounty land, but if the Legislature should conclude the proof sufficiently clear that he was in the battle, he would be entitled to 640 acres donation land; and if it were shown (which it is not) that he had taken the oath of allegiance to Texas, he would be entitled to 1/3 league of land as a headright. All of which with the statement of the attorney, M. M. Grant, is herewith respectfully submitted."

A bill for relief of the heirs of Francis Asbury Jarrett. Read 1st time. Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported the substitute for a bill for the relief of the East Texas Railroad Company and recommended its passage.

Mr. Boyd from the Committee on Military Affairs reported the following amendment to a bill to provide for settling the claims and accounts of volunteers called out by the Governor or Committee of Safety, to wit: that the sum of 500,000 dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out the intention of this act."

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of James H. Denson and recommended its passage.

Mr. Jordan from a special committee reported a substitute for a bill for the relief of railroad companies of the State of Texas and recommended its passage.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

Senate's bill for the relief of R. A. Henson.

House bill to amend an Act authorizing unpaid warrants on the Treasury to bear interest, approved February 14, 1860.

House adopts report of Committee of Conference on frontier bill.

On Mr. Shepard's motion the bill for the relief of railroad companies was considered. Mr. Weatherford offered the following amendment to the substitute offered by the committee: "that the provisions of this Act shall not extend to the benefit of the Texas Central Railroad Company unless said company shall propose by causing advertisements thereof to be published in the **Houston Telegraph** and the **Dallas Herald** for four consecutive weeks to the

stockholders in said road whose stock has been sold by the sale of said road at which sale one ——— Hutchins became the purchaser to restore said stockholders to all their rights, privileges, and immunities as though no such sale had taken place, upon the said stockholders paying into the treasury of said company ten per cent upon their said stock on or before the expiration of the extension provided for in this Act."

The substitute was adopted. Mr. Weatherford's amendment was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Darden, Dickson, Erath, Finlay, Houston, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—[13].

NAYS — Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan, Lea, Moore, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Shepard—16.

Mr. Harcourt moved to suspend the rule. Lost.

A bill for the relief of W. L. Chalmers. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate adhered to their substitute to a House bill to protect the wool growing interests of the State of Texas, and appointed Messrs. Boyd, Shepard, and Darden a Committee of Conference.

A bill for the relief of Martha Brenan. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

On Mr. Guinn's motion the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the military bill, and after some time spent therein rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again at 7 o'clock P. M.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met. Roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor a bill for the relief of R. A. Henson.

The Senate again went into Committee of the Whole on the military bill, Mr. Guinn in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, rose and reported the bill with amendments, which report was adopted, the amendments being the same which were reported by the Military Committee.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of the following bills: Senate bill for the relief of irrigable property. House bills to regulate

the collection of taxes, &c. A bill for relief of F. A. Ruiz and A. R. de Herrera, and that Messrs. Shelton, Russel, Simpson, Gano, and Stiff were a Committee of Conference on a bill to protect the wool-growing interests of the State of Texas.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Thursday, December 19, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Darden moved to reconsider the vote which ordered the bill for the relief of railroad companies to its engrossment, whereupon a call of the Senate was moved and sustained.

Mr. Shelley presented the petition of F. V. Brichta which was referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Branch from Committee on Military Affairs on their behalf reported a substitute for a bill to create a hospital fund for the sick and wounded soldiers in the Confederate Army from the State of Texas.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported and recommended without amendment a bill providing for the transfer of all suits and matters in the late District Courts of the United States in this State, &c., &c., &c., to the appropriate courts of this State, &c.

A message was received from the House transmitting the resolutions passed by that body upon the announcement of Honorable John C. Walker's death, member from Harris County, which were read, and on motion of Mr. Erath the call was suspended and the Senate adjourned until 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, December 20, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill supplementary to and amending an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad Company, approved February 4, 1856, and recommend its passage. Also a bill supplemental to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific